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COUNTY SETTING LIVE RAT TRAPS FOR TESTING WITH ADHS

Food Banks Accepting Citrus Donations

(Phoenix)— Maricopa County Vector Control (MCVC) will be setting rat traps today to provide live specimens to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) for testing of hantavirus, bubonic plague and tularemia. Experts expect the tests to be negative. Environmental Services Department Director Al Brown and ADHS epidemiologist Mike Fink will be available for media interviews.

WHO: MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT-VECTOR CONTROL &

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

WHAT: DEMONSTRATION OF LIVE RAT TRAP

WHERE: 4020 N. 59th Street, Phoenix

(Indian School to 56th St. north; east on Calle del Paisano; north on 59th St.;

residence is on cul de sac.)

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2002

2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

In cooperation with the neighborhood's fruit picking efforts, the County announced that the following food banks will be accepting donations of undamaged fruit on a walk-in basis only; no pick ups:

 West Side Food Bank, (602) 242-FOOD 4211 N. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bags and boxes of fruit only.

• Travis Williams Family Service Center, 602-534-4732*

4732 S. Central Avenue, Phoenix

Monday thru Friday, 7:30a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Call first before bringing fruit.

• Central Family Services, 602-534-1250

1250 S. 7th Ave., Phoenix

Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

To report a complaint, call the Citizen's Environmental Complaint Line at (602) 506-6616 or www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/communit/complain.asp.